

Regional Roundup PSC Weighs Power Line Plan

The North Dakota Public Service Commission heard testimony in Crosby and in Ray last week as part of Basin Electric Power Cooperative's push to add two new transmission lines.

The lines would be routed from Basin Electric substations near Ray and Tioga, to the north through Divide County and into Canada.

Four Basin Electric employees who are involved in the transmission line project testified.

Bobby Nasset, project manager, reported 96% of landowners have signed easements for one line and 95% have signed for the other line.

"I think we have a good relationship with landowners," Nasset told the commission.

The project will require 309 pole structures be built for the Wheelock line near Ray and 307 for the Tande line near Tioga, according to Nasset.

--The Journal, Crosby

Kenmare Church is Closing

Trinity Lutheran Church of rural Kenmare, established on the prairie 130 years ago, will host its final worship service on June 14.

"It's the struggle of small towns, right?" lay minister Jean Quigley said. "And it seems Kenmare is struggling moreso right now."

The congregation was organized 3 miles north of Kenmare in 1896 as Trinity First Danish Evangelical Lutheran by a group of 12 Danish immigrant men who homesteaded in the area.

The following spring, the men brought their families, which included a young woman, Jensine Damskov, who gave five acres of her homestead to build a church and lay out a cemetery.

The church has since had a history of mission work in Nigeria and hopes to continue that through the creation of an endowment fund.

--Kenmare News

New Wholesaler for Bakken

A new warehouse in Williston aims to provide quicker and more affordable access to oil field chemicals for Bakken service companies.

Centrium Energy Solutions, a Texas-based oil field chemical wholesaler, partnered with Red River Supply to open the warehouse in March.

The warehouse provides a regional alternative that saves oil field companies from high shipping costs and long wait times for chemicals.

"We've really had a need lately to stock and to have material for our service providers or our operators and partners in that area," said Sean Moore, Centrium's operations lead. "And it's grown in the last four months or so."

The Williston facility also has the distinction of being able to house flammable chemicals.

The warehouse is located at 1202 E. Broadway.

--Williston Herald

Oliver Halts Data Centers

After almost five-and-a-half hours of discussion March 13, the Oliver County Commission set a 180-day moratorium on any and all data center projects in the county.

The commission relocated its meeting to the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center, in Center, to accommodate the large crowd of residents, business owners and landowners that gathered.

Commission Chairman Rob Schmidt said though the meeting was extensive, he believes the commission heard the public's concerns, with just as many people in favor of or open to data centers as there were people opposed.

While the commission initially agreed to a 90-day moratorium in order to create a data center ordinance, Schmidt argued that 90 days would not be enough time to plan the ordinance.

--Center Republican

Obituaries Virginia Ellison

Nov. 18, 1949 - March 24, 2026

Virginia Ellison, 76, of Garrison, ND passed away on March 24, 2026, in Fargo surrounded by loving family.



Funeral service was held Saturday, March 28 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Garrison. Burial was held Monday, March 30 at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Virginia Rose was born November 18, 1949, to Verne and Alice (Ross) Olson of Bowbells. She grew up on the farm southwest of Bowbells. She went to school in Bowbells and graduated from high school. She was in 4-H for many years, learning to cook, gardening and sewing.

Her mother, Alice passed away when she was 11 years old. Her dad, Verne later mar-

ried Eleanor Funk. Virginia graduated from Joe's Hairstyling in Minot. She worked at Vee's Beauty shop for about a year. Then moving to Garrison, where her sister Ramona was. Virginia worked at Mi Lady's Beauty Shop in Garrison.

She met the love of her life Terry Ellison at a dance while he was on leave from the Marines. They corresponded while he was away. They got married on October 21, 1972. They lived on the farm west of Garrison. Where they raised cows, horses, pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, goats and five kids: Stephanie, Keith, Pamela, Jennifer and Thomas. She quit working outside the home and raised her five kids while also tending to her animals and garden.

Virginia loved baking, cooking, sewing, quilting, sewing rugs, knitting, gardening, canning and butchering. She was a 4-H leader when her three girls were in 4-H and religion teacher when her kids were in school. She was a member of Ann's Ladies Aid and a member of St. Nicholas Church. She also attended church at Sacred Heart Church in White Shield. She loved having family get together at home until the family got too big. Then they

would get together at the lake and swim, boat, play games and do crafts.

She worked 28 years at Benedictine Nursing Home first as a CNA for 12 years then laundry, housekeeping and dietary aide. She also cut hair for the residents.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Verne and Alice Olson; stepmom, Eleanor Olson; nephew, Verne Ellison; son-in-law, Lyle Gjovig; her husband Terry passed shortly before her.

She is survived by her children, Stephanie Gjovig, Keith Ellison, Pamela (Jeremy) Kolden, Jennifer (Galen) Grote, Thomas (Jensi) Ellison; siblings, Ramona Ellison, Lori (Daren) Goodman, Tammy (Albert) Cannard; grandkids, Dylan (Amber) Eckert, Harley (Adam) McDonald, Logan & Brady Eckert, Cayli (Cyrus) Smith, Casyn & Clay Kolden, Emily (David) and Erika Grote, Oakley & Ryker Ellison, Ariel (Kennon) Kirk and Andrew Gjovig; great-grandchildren, Sarah, Lucas, Natalie and Riley Eckert, Micah & Esther McDonald, Lakken & Gemma Kirk.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Thompson Funeral Home, Garrison.

Terry Ellison

Dec. 2, 1948 - March 24, 2026

Terry Ellison, 77, passed away on March 24, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.



Funeral service was held Saturday, March 28 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Garrison. Burial was held Monday, March 30 at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Terry was born to Orville and Esther (Hintz) Ellison on

December 2, 1948. He grew up and lived most of his life on the family farm by Emmet. He graduated from Garrison High School. He served in the marines as a communication and navigation technician. He was awarded the good conduct medal in 1971. He served from 1968-1972 in Vietnam. He married the love of his life Virginia and together they had five children: Stephanie, Keith, Pamela, Jennifer, and Thomas.

Terry had many jobs farming, ranching, backhoe work and garbage collecting. Terry was very knowledgeable and could fix many things.

There are many stories of him, his brother and his dad flying airplanes. Terry had many hobbies. He enjoyed riding horse, many kinds of hunting, fishing, woodworking, reading and snowmobiling, be-

ing a member of a snowmobile club and Garrison Sportmen's club teaching hunters education. Terry also sponsored his trap team for a number of years.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Esther Ellison; sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Joe Buckley; nephew, Verne Ellison; son-in-law, Lyle Gjovig; his wife of 53 1/2 years, Virginia, who passed away shortly after him.

He is survived by his children, Stephanie Gjovig, Keith Ellison, Pamela (Jeremy) Kolden, Jennifer (Galen) Grote, Thomas (Jensi) Ellison; siblings, Kelvin (Diane) Ellison, Barb (Richard) Vasicek, Julie (David) Anderson; grandkids, Dylan (Amber) Eckert, Harley (Adam) McDonald, Logan & Brady Eckert, Cayli (Cyrus) Smith, Casyn & Clay Kolden, Emily (David) and Erika Grote, Oakley & Ryker Ellison, Ariel (Kennon) Kirk and Andrew Gjovig; great-grandchildren, Sarah, Lucas, Natalie and Riley Eckert, Micah & Esther McDonald, Lakken & Gemma Kirk.

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Movie Review Super Mario Galaxy

Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.

This animation, adventure, comedy, family and fantasy film is rated PG for action, mild violence and rude humor. The film is 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Super Mario Galaxy is playing at the Kenmare Theatre on April 3-5 & April 10-12. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Area Brief Easter Event in Bowbells

The sixth annual Bowbells Easter Event is Saturday, April 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bowbells School.

Registration is from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. Bounce houses-11:00 to 1:00; freewill donation lunch-11:00 to 1:00; Easter egg hunt-1:15 to 2:00; and prize drawings start at 2:15 p.m. Must be present to win. Easter Bunny and Chick will be available for pictures periodically throughout the day.

Any questions, call Kelsey Ethen, 818-7347.

Coming Events

MEETINGS

Crimson Cruisers Red Hats: Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 p.m. at Caddy's Shack in Bowbells.

Bowbells Park District: Thursday, April 9, 5:00 p.m., Bowbells Public School.

Powers Lake Civic Club: Thursday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. Everyone welcome.

SERVICES

Powers Lake Food Pantry: open third Tuesday of the month, 1:00-3:00 p.m., basement of Legion Hall, 201 1st Ave. W.

Bowbells Public Library open Tuesdays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Society of St. Stephen Food Pantry: open Tuesday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 10 Washington Ave, Bowbells.

Children's Clothing Pantry: open Tuesday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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